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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REOPEN PROSECUTION

In response to the Decision of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit mandated January 18, 2012, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments in the above-referenced application, and request entry thereof to place the application in condition for Allowability:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 9 of this paper.